GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:110
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001
ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND
C.P. RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Ministry in regard to the problem of encroachment on railway land;

(b) the total area of Railway land encroached upon by the unauthorised persons, zone-wise; and (

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remove the encroachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 110 BY SH. C. RADHAKRISHNAN ON 01.03.2001 REGARDING ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND

(a) and (c) Unauthorised occupations on Railway land, especially those along the Railway tracks, are a potential safety hazard. Railways, therefore, make consistent efforts to remove these from their land. Fresh encroachments are removed as soon as noticed. Old encroachments are removed under the provisions of Public Premises (Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971. Railways have also been directed to effectively use Section 147 of Railways Act, 1989 to deal with unauthorised occupants. As removal of encroachments often develop into a law and order problem, help from the Civil Police is also sought for.

(b)The details of area of Railway land under unauthorised occupation are as under:

Zone	Area under encroachment (in Hec.)
Central Railway	89
Eastern Railway	42
Northern Railway	1218
Northeastern Railway	895
Northeast Frontier Railway	358
Southern Railway	77
South Central Railway	86
South Eastern Railway	777
Western Railway	105
Total	3647